



Lone Star Region, Texas Vintage Chevrolet Club of America

Denman's 50th Anniversary – By Bill Denman

LSR Meetings

Executive Board Meeting

August 9, 5:00 PM, Dinner, followed by a Board Meeting, at Dickey's Barbecue, 5530 S. Cooper, Arlington.

Region Meeting

August 10, 2:30 PM, at Arlington Sr. Recreation Center, 1000 Eunice Street, with 50th Wedding Anniversary Reception for Bill & Mary Ann Denman. Dinner after the meeting will be at Humperdink's, 700 Road to Six Flags, Arlington.

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In the spring of 1956, I had driven my new 1956 Ford Victoria from Houston to Port Arthur to visit a best friend and have a weekend party at one of the local clubs. Across the table was this beautiful past high school cheerleader, and I told my friend that I wanted a date with Mary Ann Mehl the next time I came to Port Arthur. Many weekends we dated until September 6, 1958 when we were married in the First Methodist Temple in Port Arthur. The wedding was unusual by the standards at that time with two wedding receptions. One immediately after the wedding at Rose Hill Manor in Port Arthur and then a reception two weeks later at my grandfather's home in Bastrop, Texas. The evening of our wedding, a hurricane blew in to Port Arthur, and Rose Hill Manor is 1/2 block from the inter-coastal canal. We managed to drive to Orange that night in the blinding storm.

in 1955, so after the wedding we returned to Houston where I began to work my way up the Chevrolet ladder, and in December of 1959 we were transferred to the Divisional office in Dallas. The day we moved into our new home in Irving, it began to snow. We lived in Irving for 18 years, and then moved to Euless.

We have two sons, David (48) and Robert (42). They have no children.

We remained in Euless with the exception of 18 months when we were transferred to Oklahoma City. We moved back to Euless in 1984 and retired from Chevrolet

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Happy Birthday

Wayne Moore	8/02
Barbara Anderson	8/05
Marion Courtney	8/11
Scott Holdridge	8/12
Jeff New house	8/18
Leila Kinsey	8/25
Lisa Holdridge	8/28
Kathleen Simmons	8/28
Frank Wade	8/28
Betty Perrine	8/30
Mike Schutkowski	8/31

Happy Anniversary

- August 6 –**
Mack & Darlene Courtney
- August 8 –**
Chuck & Cindy Reams
Mark & Gerry Young
- August 9 –**
Weldon & Pam Whitman
- August 10 –**
Edward & Robin Brown
Bill & Diann Kohley
- August 12 –**
Hans & Ann Rasch
- August 15 –**
Larry & Carmen Brantley
- August 19 –**
Roy & Jo Ann Chambers
- August 21 –**
Bob & Lexie Swift
- August 29 –**
Jeff & Claire New house
- August 30 –**
Bob & Pat Laney

2008 Executive Board Meetings

- August 9 - Smitka
- Sept. 13 - Anderson
- October 11 - New house
- Nov. 9 - Before Bingo

Director's Corner – by John Smitka

I hope everyone is enjoying their vacations and time with loved ones this summer season. Pat & I have our oldest grandson, age 6, with us for 2 weeks while his family settles in at the next Air Force Base in New Mexico. While we are enjoying every minute and he makes us feel young, at the same time, he zaps every ounce of energy out of us. We all probably have fond memories of time with our grandparents - I know Pat and I do.

Coming up later this month, we will have a Ladies Luncheon and a Men's Car Barn Tour in Waxahachie on Saturday, August 23 from 11 am to 3 pm. The men will drop off their ladies at the Dove's Nest for lunch and a little antiquing, while they visit 2 barns with house some interesting cars and collections. Charlie Gambulo has offered to have a hot dog lunch for the men and anyone who knows me, know's I'll never turn down a hot

dog! There is still time to sign up at the August meeting if you would like to come. Maps will be available at the meeting.

On the first Monday of September, which is Labor Day, we will be meeting at the Lone Star Horse Racetrack in Grand Prairie on FM 1382 for the annual Jerry Lewis MDA Telethon. Lone Star will present a check to help Jerry's Kids thanks to our Lone Star Region raising \$380 in a silent raffle and the Club donating an additional \$120 to round the amount up to \$500. The car show, sponsored by the Bedford Firefighters, has a \$20 pre-registration fee if you are interested in entering. Last year over a 100 cars participated and Mike Synder from NBC Channel 5 came out to the parking lot and chose a Ford as his favorite for a plaque. Everyone in our group also won an award in their class last year. The car show starts at 10 am, and we will have lunch

inside the Racetrack at the Snack Bar on the 2nd Floor around Noon. We won't know when we will make our presentation until we check in that morning. We will have 2 canopies set up for shade, so don't forget to bring your lawn chairs if you plan to attend. There will be a sign up sheet at the meeting for those wishing to secure a spot.

Let me remind everyone again to send in your registration for the Fall Joint Tour in Galveston this year. The deadline is approaching and San Jacinto Region is waiting to hear from you. There will also be a sign up sheet at the meeting if you are interested in carpooling early down there on Thursday.

I hope to see everyone in their old cars at the next meeting when we will celebrate Bill & Mary Ann Denman's 50th Wedding Anniversary. Plan to stay for anniversary cake and join us for dinner at Humpertink's after the meeting.

Denman's 50th Anniversary – Cont. from Page 1

Motor Division in January 1987.

After retirement we traveled across the country, and in 1989 we started to get involved in the local antique car clubs. We are members of the Antique

Automobile Club of America, Horseless Carriage Club and the Vintage Chevrolet Club. We enjoy touring in our 1915 Buick, 1928 Chevrolet, 1964 Impala and our most recent 1931 Ford. May Ann and I have held offices

in the above clubs.

At this time our health is good, and we are looking forward to many more years of a happy marriage.

Web Site News – By Jeff Newhouse

Our club web site (www.LSRClub.org) is in the midst of an overhaul project. Like many overhaul projects, this one started with a burst of activity -- it's about 80% complete -- but finishing it up has taken a back seat to family and work activities. You are invited to preview the project and offer your comments, criticisms, and suggestions. Visit www.LSRClub.org (or www.LoneStarChevyClub.org) and click the "Preview our new web site!" link. You will see it just below the announcement about the Fall Joint Tour.

The overhaul expands upon the elements found on our original site and adds a couple of new elements. The existing elements, like Event Activities, Bowtie Bulletins, Links, About Us, and Swap Meet will have their own pages in the new design. New elements are Classified Ads, and Registry. At the moment the structure for the new site is in place, but the details that make up the content are a work in progress. Use the navigation bar that stretches across the page (near the top, and again at the bottom) to move around the site. You will also see new graphics and Google Ads.

The Registry page is where I hope to include pictures and information about all the great families and great Chevys in our club. You can help complete this page by submitting digital images of your car collection to me at Support@LoneStarChevyClub.org. Send any general comments about the site to that same email address.

I hope to share more details about the Internet aspect of the club in future newsletters.

Best Regards,
Jeff Newhouse
1966 Chevy II Station Wagon

34th Arlington 4th of July Parade - By Elmer Anderson

On a hot Friday July 4th some of the car club members met to participate in the parade. Elmer and Barbara Anderson in the '57, Mark Young in his '57, Verna Brown in her '68 convertible with Dean and Sue Davis and their granddaughter, Bobby Brown in his '57 pickup with Doland Maner, Ron and Pam St. Romain in their '40, Glen and Eileen Rogers in their '68 convertible with Maudene McLaughlin, Huston Shelton and some of his family in his '65, and Michael Nute and his friend in his friend's '68. We were number 51 so it was not too bad. We won second place. After the parade several club members went to Luby's to eat and Barbara and I went to the awards program to pick up the awards.

The Perrines entered their '55 convertible and won first place in their division.

Upcoming Events 2008

August 10	LSR Meeting – Denman's 50 th Ann.
August 23	11:00-3:00 Ladies Antiquing, Lunch, and Men's Car Barn Tour, Lunch. Meet at Dove's Nest in Waxahachie.
August 30	Bug Tussle
September 1	10 AM, MDA Car Show Lone Star Park, Grand Prairie, sponsored by Bedford Fire Dept.
September 14	LSR Meeting – Allen's 50 th Anniv. Arlington Charities Food Drive – Needed items: cereal, peanut butter, pasta, soups, canned meat, or anything – no glass.
Sept. 18 - 20	VCCA Area 6 Joint Tour in Galveston Hosted by San Jacinto Region
September 27	Front Street Festival, Arlington
October 12	LSR Meeting – Parking Lot Sale
Oct. 14 - 17	VCCA Southern Fall Tour, SW Okla. Open to Chevy's through 1954
October 25	TX Ctry. Reporter Festival & Parade 9 AM, Waxahachie
October 25	Winnsboro
November 1	Fall Day Tour
November 8	WW-II Re-enact. 3 PM, Waxahachie
November 9	Board Meeting, LSR Meeting - Election of Officers, Bingo Party / Covered Dish
November 28	Ft. Worth Parade of Lights
November 29	Holiday Luncheon & Ornament Exc. 12:00-3:00 PM, at Pat Smitka's
December 6	Pythian Car Show & Charity
December 11	Johnnie High Christmas Show 7 PM
December 13	LSR Christmas Party 6 PM

LSR Logo

Did you notice the beautiful, updated LSR logo on the front page of the newsletter? It looks great! Thanks to Jeff Newhouse for updating it to a GIF image.

Sunshine Report - By Sheila Kinsey

We offer sincere sympathy to Wendell and Rosie Allen as their niece, Cassie, passed away July 8 as a result of a vehicle accident.

Dianne Fulmer had a knee replacement July 17.

1958–Wendell & Rosie Allen–2008

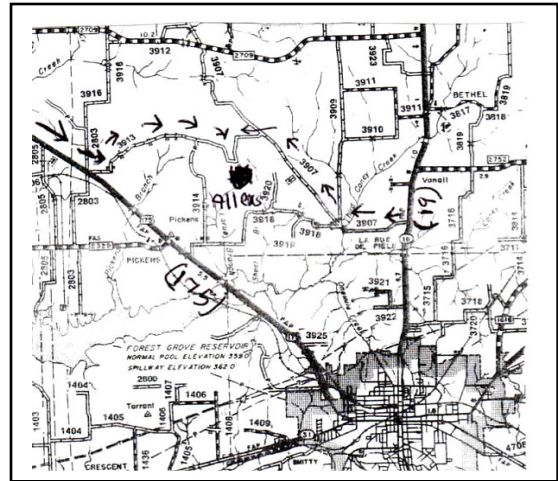


*This is a day for remembering
All the beautiful things that have been
And a day for looking forward
To all the beautiful things yet to come....*

*The Children of
Wendell and Rosie Allen
Invite you to a day of celebrating
Fifty Years of Blessings
Join us for Bar-be-cue
On Saturday, the thirtieth of August
Two thousand and eight
From 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
7495 CR 3913
Athens, Texas
No presents please
Your presence is enough*

Directions to Allen's Athens Home:

From I-20 south of Dallas
Take 175 East toward Kaufman
After you pass Kaufman and Mabank
Turn left on County Rd. 3913
Look for the Allen's anniversary signs to lead
you to their home in the country,
7495 CR 3913, Athens, Texas.



Area 6 Joint Tour Galveston

September 18-20. Please register by August 1 - \$90 per person. Make hotel reservations at Hawthorn Suites at the Victorian Resort, 6300 Seawall Blvd. phone 409-740-3555, ext. 2282. Rate \$89 per night. Contact Carolyn Couch phone 281-343-7494, email: ccnana42@yahoo.com. Forms were in July's LSR newsletter and are also available in the July G&D. Car judging day is on Friday. This is a good time to have your car judged for VCCA awards. Chief Judge, Bill Bradford 281-579-9834 w.tb@swbell.net. A group from LSR will be traveling on Thursday. A sign up sheet will be available at the next meeting.

Christmas Party Centerpieces – By June Newhouse

We are beginning to make plans for the annual LSR Christmas Party which will be held on December 13, 2008. Several of our ladies have expressed a desire to help out again this year by bringing a centerpiece for one of

the tables as we have done at some of the parties in the past. These centerpieces would be given away to the members at the end of the party. If you can help us out with a centerpiece, please let us know as soon as possible so we can

make sure that we have enough. Contact Judy Perrine, Christmas Party Chairman at 817-545-7540, email perrine1@flash.net or June Newhouse, Table Decorations at 817-465-3361, email junehouse@sbcglobal.net.



Membership

New Members:

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Anniversary: 7/10
1954 Bel Air Convertible

If you have prospective members, send their name and address to our Membership Secretary, Betty Sewell, and she will give them membership information.
Betty Sewell 817-641-9072
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Vandergriff Building

- By Elmer Anderson

Friday, July 18th Vandergriff's old car dealership at the corner of Division and Center in Arlington was officially opened as the Vandergriff Building. Many dignitaries were there along with 4 beautiful vintage Chevrolets. Tom Dodson brought his 1941, Ron St. Remain brought his 1940, Elmer and Barbara Anderson showed their 1957 and Bobby and Verna Brown showed their 1957 pickup which by the way was bought brand new at this very dealership by Vance Hunt. Some of the performers from the Johnnie High show entertained with 50's songs and there were several speeches and door prizes given away. There was food provided by J. Gilligan's. It turned out to be a really fun gala.

Old Car Drawing

The Rogers' held the winning ticket at the July meeting, but did not drive their old car. The August drawing will be for \$15.

2008 National 4 Cylinder Tour - By Judy Perrine

Custer, Crazy Horse and Chevrolets

We left midmorning on Saturday June 21st and drove to Wichita, K.S. There we joined Bill and Sheila Bradford, Chip and Cathy Sweet, Bill and Barbera Mancuso and Carolyn and Bob Couch for a cookout at Richard and Diane Mann's home in Rose Hill, K.S. The men had a good time exploring Richards' collections of cars and related car memorabilia that filled five barns. The women enjoyed seeing Diane's home, which was a haven of antiques.

Sunday morning, all six couples headed up the road – destination Custer, South Dakota. Along the scenic roadways we had lots of wildlife to see and picnic lunches, which made the miles fly by.

Monday we arrived at the motel in Custer in mid-afternoon, and soon were happily meeting and greeting our friends from previous tours. That evening an ice cream social was scheduled in a nearby pavilion, but the dark clouds gathered, the rain and small sleet fell and many of us stayed indoors at the motel. This established the weather pattern for the entire week, with warm, sunny days and stormy nights. All the driving tours went on as planned but those nights got interesting.

The next day, Tuesday, we started out early and did a scenic drive on the Wildlife Loop Road in Custer Park. Along the way we saw antelope, deer, turkey, prairie dogs, rock chucks, wild burros that blocked the cars and begged for handouts, along with the famous buffalo herds that roam the area at will. At the end of the Wildlife Loop we visited the beautiful State Game Lodge, which was

the Summer White House of President and Mrs. Calvin Coolidge in 1927. We then drove the Iron Mountain Road (5,500 feet altitude at the summit) with its pigtail loops that circle and twist over each other and three narrow one-car tunnels and marvelous views of the Mountain. Along the drive we also could see glimpses of the presidents carved on Mount Rushmore. We reached the visitor center safe and sound, although some people doubted that would happen, and we lunched, shopped and viewed the Presidents from all angles. Leaving the visitor area, we followed the Needles Highway with its hairpin curves and steep downhill grades to get to the motel. That night there was a group dinner at the Heritage Village just north of Custer. Full of good food and good company, we decided on the way back to take a closer look at the carving of Crazy Horse, and to our untrained eyes it didn't seem to have progressed much since we were here in the late '80s. Still, it was something special to see.

Day Two was the 1880 Train day, and we drove that Needles Highway to Hills City where the train depot was located. We left our Chevy's at the depot and boarded two reserved cars in the vintage steam engine powered train. It was a very interesting ride to the town of Keystone. After we explored Keystone and had lunch, we visited the Borglum Historical Center which focused on the man who originally had the vision of creating Mount Rushmore. We rode the train back to Hills City and then drove our cars back through the mountains to the motel. The drive back included the traditional 'natural road'

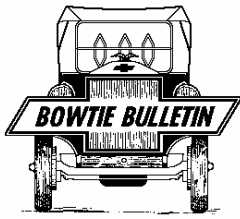
drive that Tom includes in all his tours, and it turned out to be a lovely drive over a well-maintained dirt road.

Thursday found us motoring to the famous Mammoth Discovery Site where we had a guided tour of the covered archaeological dig where they are recovering mammoth bones that were immersed in a prehistoric sinkhole. We were able to watch volunteers at work on the painstaking job of uncovering the artifacts. It was amazing to hear that these animals were tall enough to look into the windows of a two-story building.

A group lunch followed our visit, and then we moved on to the Wind Cave Visitor Center. The majority of the group took one of the three cave tours that were offered while a few of us opted to stay above ground in the visitor's center and play cards. From the Caves we toured back through Custer State Park and again saw many animals along the way.

That night, the Texas group celebrated Bill and Sheila Bradford's wedding anniversary at the Bavarian Inn with outstanding German food. As we were leaving to drive back to the motel, an ominous green cloud was hanging in the sky. The wind came roaring through and we all had to hang onto the tops of the touring cars as we struggled to make it back to the motel. When we arrived lots of folks were anxiously scanning the skies and we found that we were under a tornado watch! Fortunately, it moved north of Custer, so we were not in harm's way.

The electricity went out around one in the morning and many of the workers for the traditional Sullivan

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If you would like to share a story, photos of your old Chevy, or a club event, please submit information to be included in the next newsletter by the 25th of the month.

The Vintage Chevrolet Club of America (national) was founded in 1961. Our local organization, the Lone Star Region, was started in 1971. The organization is family oriented and promotes interest in antique and classic Chevrolets. We preserve and restore old Chevys just for the fun of it. National dues are \$35 per year, and regional dues are \$12 per year. Our LSR of VCCA meetings are held at the Arlington Senior Recreation Center, 1000 Eunice Street, Arlington, TX 76010, phone 817-277-8091. The regular club meetings are normally held on the second Sunday of each month at 2:30 PM.

Vintage Chevrolet Club of America, national website: www.vcca.org

Lone Star Region website: www.lsrclub.org

Swap Meets & Car Shows

Nostalgia Nights Cruise In (new location) Friday nights at Albertsons parking lot at I-20 & Little Road, 301 SW Plaza, Arlington, 6-10 PM www.classicalgasmotors.com

Christian Classic Cruisers Car & Truck Show - Birdville ISD Football Stadium, 5-9 PM (3rd Sat. through Oct.) \$10 registration.

Sept. 12-14 – Southwest Swap Meet, Rangers Ball Park Arlington, 1900 block of Road to Six Flags (East of the stadium)

Sept. 18-20 – Rosanky Swap Meet, Big Red Barn, Round Rock, TX.

Sept. 27 – Elm St. Rod Run, downtown Hillsboro, TX, open to rods, customs, bikes & classic cars, co-hosted by Roadside America & the Cruisers Club. Registration opens 8 AM - \$20 entry fee.

Oct. 3-5 – Texas Motor Speedway, Fort Worth, Goodguys Rod & Custom Show

Oct. 16-18 – Fall Chickasha Swap Meet, Grady County Fairgrounds, Chickasha, OK

Oct. 25-26 – DFW Swap Meet, LaGrave Field, Fort Worth

4 Cylinder Tour

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Outdoor Breakfast at the RV Park overslept. But somehow, someway the breakfast went on as always, with good food and lots of good talk. Only a few missed it by not waking up in time. Group picture time was next on the agenda and somehow six of us made our way along a dirt road that wound up in a Boy Scouts Camp. We weren't exactly lost, but we just were having a hard time finding the rest of the group. We turned around and found the spot where they were lining up the cars for the picture back at the maintenance. We managed to drive 13 miles of

natural roads with outstanding scenery that everyone else missed out on. The photographer did an outstanding job of getting all the cars in the picture and took one of the best pictures yet.

Later we, along with several other of the group, ate lunch at the Purple Pie Shop in Custer. The place is bright purple both inside and out and has some of the best home cooking you could ask for. It turned out to be a really fun place to visit on our last day. That afternoon there were the men's swap meet and the women's craft show at the motel. Verlyn Husman (aided by Dave Perry of

Australia) gave a talk to the men about his recent trip to Australia where he visited the VCCA folks down under. That night there was an excellent farewell dinner and everyone made the most of our final chance to visit with all our long distance friends. Hosts Tom Meleo and Jim Farris announced the 2009 tour would be held in Colorado - the exact spot is to be announced later.

Regretfully, time was up for this tour and we had to leave for home. Our trip back was pleasant and uneventful. This was our sixth year to make this tour and each year it is outstanding. Needless to say, we just can't wait until next year!

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